

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-33, 44-45, and 52-57 have been canceled herein. Claims 34, 49, and 50-51 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims set forth herein overcome the Examiner's previous rejection in the Final Office Action dated August 17, 2005. In particular, nothing in Franklin nor in any of the secondary references teaches or suggests at least respective APIs provided in software products that enable a software facility to obtain software product data (e.g., inventory or usage data) and corresponding license information.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, for which action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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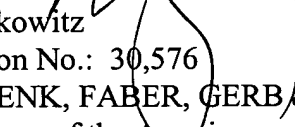
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